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Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Dog Control Orders



Keep your dog on a lead
when requested by an
Authorised Officer.

Clean up after your dog.



Dogs Excluded

**It is an offence to allow your
dogs in this area.**

Newsletter
January 2014

Happy New Year to everyone!

As you are all well aware we ended 2013 and started 2104 with very wet and windy weather!

Can we once again ask all landowners to check any roadside trees as the road from Chorley to Stottesdon was blocked by fallen trees on two separate occasions over the last couple of weeks.

The Parish Council would like to thank Willowdene for their very quick response in clearing these trees before a serious accident occurred.

Dog Control Orders:

As previously reported the Parish Council signed up to the 'Dog Control Orders' which came into effect on November 1st. Signs have been put up throughout the Parish where problems have previously been reported and Shropshire Council Officers will make random visits to the Parish and have the power to ask people to put dogs on leads and to clean up after their dogs. The signs make it clear that failure to comply could lead to a fixed penalty notice at the level currently set by Government or prosecution in a magistrate's court with a maximum penalty of £1,000.

PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY!

Contacting the Clerk:

Councillors would like to ask that the Clerk is contacted at reasonable hours during the working day and at weekends in an emergency only. The Clerk works above her contracted hours on behalf of the parishioners. An answer phone is available for you to leave a message which be dealt with promptly by the Clerk.

CLEOBURY FARMERS MARKET

Building on its successful launch last year, the Cleobury Country Farmers Market which is held under and around "the twisted spire", at St Mary's Church in Cleobury Mortimer, will now be a regular monthly event - on the third Saturday of every month - starting on Saturday 18th January between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Future dates are 15th February and 15th March.

Flooding:

We are well aware of many areas in the Parish which floods on a regular basis. We have called Willowdene and Shropshire Council out to these problems several times recently but it would help us all enormously that if you are aware of problems close to you that if you are able to keep the drain covers clear this would help us all. Thanks!

Congratulations to John Home: (details from Matt Home)

What brilliant news that John Home has been awarded an MBE for 'Services to the rehabilitation of offenders'.

As many of you know, John together with his wife Jenny set up Willowdene Farm Drug Rehabilitation Centre after applying for planning permission in 1986 and this was registered in 1988. It was developed to be a unique rehabilitation centre that offered residential services, training and therapeutic input. Its missions statement was and remains today "To stimulate, promote and encourage a purposeful drug free lifestyle in a working society"

The programme initially for 12 months was available for men and women from across the UK with a history of drug abuse. After 12 months it became a male only service.

It soon became the premier provider of drug rehabilitation and training in the United Kingdom, and became a 10 bed unit in 1992 and 14 bed in 2002. Its success rate was unrivalled and had a national reputation.

John did not rest on a good model he is a pioneer and constantly tweaked, tried new initiatives and kept the programme relevant to ensure lasting change.

John and Jenny for circa 20 years were on cover 24 hrs a day 365 days a year, whilst also raising a family, running a farm and managing a care home.

In 1995 John became involved in charitable project in Guyana South America, where he initially delivered forestry training and worked with the Guyanese forestry commission. He has now established a working experimental plantation, which is leased of the government. It benefits and provides work for the locals and feeds the local school. It proves that areas of deforestation can be brought back into productive land.

There have been many exciting areas which John can tell you about, not least that he managed to get a leg made in the UK and shipped to a Guyanese girl who's leg was removed.

John visits South America about 4 times a year.

John and Jenny are passionate about seeing lives transformed and continually lay down their life to see others benefit from a relational environment.

They have given many sacrifices to see their vision come into fruition and continually strive to see more and more lives transformed.

During his time at Willowdene he has enabled over 500 residential students and circa 300 day care students to access life changing opportunities.

The foundation that John and Jenny put in place established Willowdene as a premier provider of innovative services, a title it still holds today and is nationally recognised and a flagship model for offending services across the UK .

Many congratulations to John who has worked extremely hard and has had wonderful support from Jenny and his family.

John also helps with the Lengthsman Scheme work.

Date for future newsletters:

The deadline for the next newsletter is 12 noon on 30th March 2014. Please send any items to the Clerk preferably via email with a maximum of 200 words - any items received after this date will not be included and lengthy articles will be reduced.

Please note:

Whilst every effort is made to accuracy, Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council cannot in any circumstances accept responsibility for errors or omissions of advice given in this publication. The opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the views of Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council.

Two items we have been asked to distribute:

Help available from Shelter:

Shelter know that one in seven people in the West Midlands fear they won't be able to afford to pay the rent or mortgage at the end of this month. Yet many people in this situation would feel too ashamed to ask for help.

Shelter's helpline receives too many calls from people in desperation, and on the brink of losing their home, because bills and notices have been left unopened and problems have piled up.

This January we are encouraging those at risk to seek advice from Shelter and avoid problems spiralling out of control.

We would very much appreciate your help in getting this message out there. You can take these four actions to help people in Shropshire to find professional advice:

Post a link to our online advice on your website - www.shelter.org.uk/advice

Encourage your case workers to bookmark our online advice pages -

www.shelter.org.uk/advice so they can refer to them when dealing with housing-related case work

Let your constituents know how to get help from Shelter via our online advice and free telephone helpline number - www.shelter.org.uk/advice 0808 800 4444

Tweet our online advice details, or retweet us. You can find us at @Shelter.

You may also wish to share the '[Shelter Stories](#)' blog, which seeks to offer a first-person, friendly, and accessible introduction to advice.

For lots of people, the New Year period brings further challenges and worries. That's why we are urging anyone worried about paying their rent or mortgage to make seeking early housing advice their New Year's resolution.

Property Flood Protection Assessments

Do you live in an area that is prone to flooding? Shropshire Council is working hard to manage flood risk across the county and is busy learning about the flooding issues that affect different areas.

As part of its approach, Shropshire Council is offering free residential property flood protection assessments, where internal flooding has been experienced.

Assessments will be carried out by an approved surveyor who is independent of manufacturers of flooding related products. An assessment will be made of the likely routes of ingress for flood water entering your property, and measures that could be used to prevent or mitigate flood damage to your home will be suggested. After visiting, the surveyor will issue a brief report outlining their findings. You can then use the report to help plan protective measures for your property. Shropshire Council can provide further guidance on the types of products that are available.

Please contact: **Flood and Water Management Team, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND** giving your contact details or alternatively, email these details to: flood@shropshire.gov.uk

Snow clearance:

In the case of snow/ice Willowdene will be asked to clear and grit footpaths as often as they have the resources to do so but parishioners should be aware that this may not be done on a daily basis. Grit bins are provided close to footpaths and parishioners can use their discretion when to use this on areas which have not been treated.

Willowdene clear paths into the Primary School through the Lengthsman Scheme. Please contact the Clerk if you aware of any bins which need filling.

Chorley Village Hall Supporters Club presents

'Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa' on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm Cert 15

'The Descendents' on Thursday 20th February

'Song for Marion' on Thursday 27th March

'About Time' on Thursday 24th April

'Sunshine on Leith' on Thursday 15th May

'Le Weekend' on Thursday 12th June

'The Great Gatsby' on Thursday 10th July

Everyone welcome to join! Only £5 (£2 for under 16s) for a year of free films and use of DVD library

Contact Joe or Richard on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Stottesdon & District WI:

Autumn was a season of creativity, from the crafting of hand-tied floral arrangements in the Indian summer days of September through to festive Christmas Stars, on display outside many homes. WI Advisor Sylvia Barrett joined us for our October Show, and was gratifyingly complimentary about the range of skills on display, after sampling our savoury biscuits and pumpkin pies.

Following our November AGM, by universal consent Stef Bryan continues into a third year as President and Noreen Datlen as Treasurer, a much overlooked task which she maintains with meticulous precision. Clare Tibbits, despite the small matter of a Christmas family wedding, has again put together a richly varied programme for 2014, & we all look forward to meeting on 15th January for our Fun & Games evening at Farlow Village Hall.

Finally, a big thank you to all our 18 members, also friends and visitors, who have supported meetings and social events throughout the year, contributing to the life and vibrancy of the group. Please watch the notice boards for activities that you would like to join in with.

Horses:

A very concerned parishioner has been in contact with the Parish Council asking that horse riders are reminded of the danger of not wearing fluorescent jackets and any fluorescent devices being attached to horses as there had been a very near accident at about 5.15pm recently. PLEASE can we remind everyone of the dangers of not being seen - this also includes pedestrians and cyclists. Please wear suitable clothing so that you can be seen by motorists.

Problems recently reported to Police:

There was an attempt to steal a dog from a property in the parish at the beginning of the new year, luckily the owner became aware and the white van drove off.

There was also an incident where a white van entered a farm but after being questioned by the farmer he also drove off.

These were 2 separate incidents on different days but please ring the Police on 101 and report any incidents - they do need to be made aware of what's going on in the parish.

The Clerk also regularly receives emails from the Police regarding incidents and forwards these to parishioners - if you would like to be included please contact Clerk with your email address.

Stottesdon & Sidbury Church News

It was wonderful to see so many people at our special Christmas services this year. I do hope you enjoyed yourself and had a great time. The Christmas Tree Festival in Stottesdon Church attracted a good number of visitors to our Church. I would like to say a special thank you to all those who provided and decorated trees for the festival. The standard of the trees improves every year and our theme of Christmas Carols/Songs produced some very good entries. The winner of the visitors' vote was the tree decorated by the Gardens Open group. Congratulations. Do come and see us again at our regular services - 10:30am at Stottesdon every Sunday and 4pm in Sidbury on the 3rd Sunday of every month. A new small-group study group will take place for six weeks beginning on Thursday 6th March. If you would like to join the group, please have a word with Revd Colin Resch on 01746 718297 for more details.

Chancel Repair Liability

I have had a couple of conversations with people concerned about Chancel Repair Liability and, if you are worried about this, I hope that I can put your mind at ease. Stottesdon Parochial Church Council has identified about 100 parcels of land in the parish that carry a liability for helping to fund repairs to the Chancel of Stottesdon Church. These liabilities, which affect about twenty landowners, have existed for many decades but changes in the law mean that we are now required to register them with the Land Registry. Registration does not mean that the Church is planning to ask you for any money; neither does it alter the current situation in any way. Registration does however mean that current and future landowners will be aware of the existence of these liabilities and perhaps be able to insure against them. If you receive a letter from the Land Registry or have any queries or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me, Revd Colin Resch, on 01746 718297 or look at the maps on display in St Mary's Church.

Open the Book helps @ Stottesdon Primary School:

Open the Book is an opportunity to help our local Primary School staff. We will be providing one assembly per week, through a 10 min dramatisation of a Bible Story. It's easy to do. It takes little of your time. It is rewarding and the children absolutely love it.

"You'll never get me doing that" I said. Roped in as a last resort, knowing nothing about it, it took an hour of my time, was such amazing fun. We've been doing it for 4 or 5 years now. We need helpers. Any age. It's great for retired folk.

If you have an hour to an hour and a half free, Wednesday 10 till 11am once in a while, or weekly, let us know. You don't need to be an actor, you just need to love to help children, and your local school, we will do the paperwork to get you registered and provide you with the story books we work from. It's really great, fully OFSTED approved.

Contact Alan or Sue, Chorley Chapel on 01746762365 / 07875979227, or e-mail Alan.Vincent@The-Church.net, or drop your details in at the school office, and we'll get in touch.

School playing field:

Further to the report in the last newsletter the School has now put a board on the gate into the field which gives the times when the field is available for 'community use'.

The Parish Council is still actively trying to obtain land for a 'community use' field.

Parish Council Vacancies:

We still have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested please speak to the Clerk or a Councillor or come along to a meeting to see what it entails.

Parish Council meetings for 2014:

Provisional dates so far:

27th January, 24th February, 24th March, 14th April (Annual Parish meeting). All meetings are normally held in Chorley Village Hall at 7.30pm. Once dates have been approved by the Parish Council these will be confirmed on our website.

All posters advertising meetings are put on notice boards at Stottesdon and Chorley and agendas are put on the website.

Chorley Show:

The Chorley Show has been a favourite day out for many years and has raised tens of thousands of pounds for local charities. The show has not run for two years and a new show committee is needed if future shows are going to take place. An informal meeting has been arranged for Thursday 30th January, 8pm at the Duck Inn to discuss if a show will take place in 2014. The meeting will consider how the show might be different to previous years and to see if there are enough volunteers to be able to run the show.

If you are keen to talk about a new Chorley show, join a new show committee, have some ideas for a new show or just volunteer to help, please go to the meeting at the Duck. For more information call Richard Bubb on 718693 or Alan Vincent on 762365.